

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is relative to the originally filed paper copy of the present Application, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment of November 1, 2001.

The above amendments conform the phrasing within the present Application to the phrasing filed electronically on November 2, 2001 for Pre-Grant Publication via the Electronic Filing System (E.F.S.) without adding new matter.

In particular, the phrasing of section headings (e.g., "Cross Reference to Related Applications", etc.) is conformed. Also, a correction was made above to page 23 of the Specification, for the purpose of reversing a font-printing error introduced in the Preliminary Amendment of November 1, 2001.

The error was that two correct references to "28" as originally filed were inadvertently replaced, due to a font-printing error, by two incorrect references to "2□". The present Preliminary Amendment restores the correct references "28" without adding new matter.

VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS

TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

(relative to the originally filed paper copy of the present Application, as previously amended by the Preliminary Amendment mailed November 21, 2001.)

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1:

Cross Reference to Related Applications [RELATED APPLICATIONS]

On page 1:

Background of Invention [BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION]

On page 2:

Summary of Invention [SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION]

On page 3:

Brief Description Of Drawings [BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS]

On page 4:

Detailed Description [DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC EMBODIMENTS]

On page 23, at lines 17-26:

The admission threshold duration 2δ [\square] may be adjusted automatically. As the system becomes busier, i.e., as the arrival rate increases, a smaller percentage of users should be admitted dynamically, and the admission threshold duration 2δ [\square] is increased. Preferably, a separate admission threshold is maintained for each particular video at a value such that the average startup latency for statically admitted users is about equal to the average startup latency for dynamically admitted users. Methodology for so

maintaining the threshold by automatic adjustment is discussed further below. Similarly, the artificial minimum wait Wmin in the dynamic allocation may be adjusted automatically so that as the system becomes busier, the minimum wait Wmin is increased.

On page 39:

Claims [What is claimed is:]

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 40:

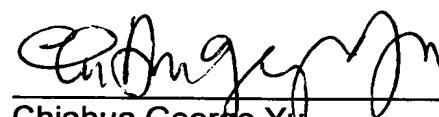
Abstract of Disclosure [ABSTRACT]

CONCLUSION AND SIGNATURE

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present Application, the previous or present Preliminary Amendment, or the Electronic Filing for Pre-Grant Publication mentioned above, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below.

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